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Copies of all the listed foreign patent documents are attached. All the listed U.S. patent documents were previously cited by the Office in a prior application, application no. 09/226,719, filing date January 7, 1999, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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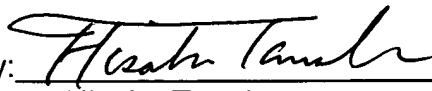
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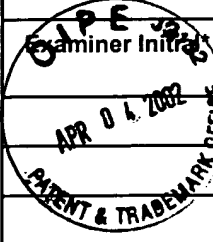
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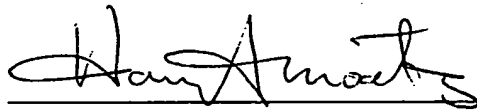
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